

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The amendments to this patent application are as follows.

On Pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Patent Examiner has required that the Specification include all of the Section Headings required by U.S. practice. Thus the Specification has been amended on Pages 1 and 5 to include these Section Headings in this Amendment.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Patent Examiner has formally objected to claim 22, which recites the limitation "said controllers" in line 18. The objection is because of insufficient antecedent basis. Therefore, claim 22 has been amended to overcome this objection. Thus, amended claim 22 now recites "said programmable controllers (3)," which provides the proper antecedent basis.

For all these reasons, the Specification, and all the claims, are believed to be in complete compliance with all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Also on Page 2 of the Office Action, the Patent Examiner has objected under 35 U.S.C. 132 that the amendment to the

Specification filed on April 4, 2001 should not be entered because new pages 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 include new subject matter. It is required that Applicant cancel this new subject matter.

This is respectfully traversed.

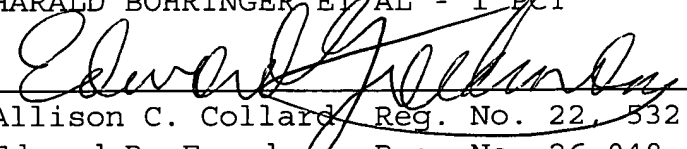
It is respectfully pointed out that the new pages 1, 1a, 1b, 3 and 4 of the description should not be objected to. The "new matter" objection is to prior art which should be explained to more clearly show the respective differences of the invention.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 132 is respectfully requested.

In summary, claim 22 has been amended and claims 13 to 22 are pending. In view of these amendments, it is firmly believed that the present invention, and all the claims, are now in complete compliance with all the requisites for the granting of a patent, especially since allowable subject matter has been indicated. A prompt notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectully submitted,  
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